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Accessory Structure / Fence Permits

When do I need a Permit?

A permit is required in order to construct, alter, enlarge, move or demolish any accessory structure or part thereof, or any appurtenances connected or attached thereto including, but not limited to <u>fences</u>, storage buildings, pools, decks. A permit is required whether you do the work yourself or hire a contractor

When is a permit not required?

Normal maintenance repairs may be made without a permit provided such repairs do not violate any provisions of the code. This includes, but is not limited to sealing, painting, minor repairs, replacing fence sections, etc.

Where do I apply for a permit?

Apply in person at the City of Murfreesboro Building and Codes Department located at 111 W. Vine St. on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Building, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. An application form is available on the City's website www.murfreesborotn.gov. Click on 'Downloadable Forms' under 'On-Line Services'.

How much does the permit cost?

The permit fee is based on the valuation of the construction:

One and Two Family Dwellings - Accessory Structures/Fences			
Construction Value	Min Fee	Plus	
Less than \$1,000	\$20.00	Not Applicable	
More than \$1,000	\$20.00	\$8.00 for each additional \$1,000	

Commercial/ Multi-Family - Accessory Structures/Fences			
Construction Value	Min fee	Includes	Plus
\$101 to \$2,000	\$ 22.00	Up to \$1,000	\$22 per \$1,000 valuation or fraction thereof
\$2,001 to \$15,000	\$ 46.00	First \$2,000	\$14 for each additional \$1,000 up to \$15,000
\$15,001 to \$50,000	\$ 220.00	First \$15,000	\$11.20 for each additional \$1.000 up to \$50.000

Can a homeowner obtain their own fence permits?

Yes, but make sure you show the permit documents to the contractor, if the homeowner is not doing the construction.

Can a fence be on the property line?

The City of Murfreesboro has no property line setback requirements for fences, but do not encroach upon your neighbor's property or an easement. Also, if you have subdivision covenants, these may require a property line setback specific materials or review process. This is outside the City preview, but one you will want to check out in the front end.

Can a fence be in drainage or utility easement, or the public right of way?

No. However, in some cases the City Engineer may approve a fence to be located within a drainage easement, but a written agreement must be made. Fences encroaching easements may be removed by the City at homeowner's cost if deemed necessary.

How do I know if there are easements on my property?

- 1) Check your closing documents. Your mortgage survey will show easements on your property.
- 2) Most properties have a subdivision plat on file in the Register of Deeds Office that show easements on the property. The office is located at 319 N. Maple St.
- The City's Planning and Engineering Department will assist you in determining easements on your property, when applying for the permit or by calling 615-893-6441

Anything else I should be cautious of?

Be sure not to fence in electric meters, etc. Maintain three feet from mechanical equipment.

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